

**AMENDMENT TO SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, AND  
COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2007  
OFFERED BY MR. OBEY OF WISCONSIN, MR.  
HOYER OF MARYLAND, AND MR. MOLLOHAN  
OF WEST VIRGINIA**

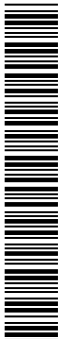
At the end of title VI, insert the following:

1       SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) MINIMUM WAGE.—Section 6(a)(1) of  
2 the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
3 206(a)(1)) is amended—

4           (1) by striking “and not less than \$5.15 an  
5 hour” and inserting “not less than \$5.15 an hour”;  
6 and

7           (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end  
8 the following: “, not less than \$5.85 an hour begin-  
9 ning on January 1, 2007, not less than \$6.55 an  
10 hour beginning on January 1, 2008, and not less  
11 than \$7.25 an hour beginning on January 1, 2009”.

12       (b) APPLICABILITY OF MINIMUM WAGE TO THE  
13 COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA IS-  
14 LANDS.—(1) Section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act  
15 of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206) shall apply to the Commonwealth  
16 of the Northern Mariana Islands.



1       (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the minimum  
2 wage applicable to the Commonwealth of the Northern  
3 Mariana Islands under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor  
4 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1))—

5           (A) shall be \$3.55 an hour, beginning on the  
6 60th day after the date of enactment of this Act;  
7 and

8           (B) shall be increased by \$0.50 an hour (or  
9 such lesser amount as may be necessary to equal the  
10 minimum wage under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair  
11 Labor Standards Act of 1938), beginning 6 months  
12 after the date of enactment of this Act and every 6  
13 months thereafter until the minimum wage applica-  
14 ble to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
15 Islands under this subsection is equal to the min-  
16 imum wage set forth in such section.

